

Stop Farming And Raise Currants If You Seek the Road to Easy Money

Keeper of County Home Under Fire

Grand Jury Finds Conditions at the Home Demanding Immediate Attention.

The Grand Jury, following the adjournment of criminal court, made the usual investigations of the county buildings, etc., delving deep into the management of the county home. Several complaints had been received from inmates and others as to the treatment of those at the home, and when the jury visited the institution in a body they found conditions such that they determined to make a searching investigation. An endeavor was made to conduct the investigation at the home, but the witnesses were evidently afraid to testify there, and the inquiry was held in the court room, subpoenas being served on several inmates of the home, and on the county commissioners. Several inmates testified to the effect that Edgar Smith, the superintendent, had beaten them or others, with a large rubber hose, with a broom stick, and with a cane; that he had broken a child's finger by hitting him with a cane, and permanently injured one of the women by throwing her against a table. It was also shown that the home was literally polluted with vermin of all sorts; that it was uncleanly and that the food was bad. Several of the grand jury were for recommending the instant dismissal of the superintendent, but, owing to the fact that no outside evidence had been secured as to Smith's treatment of the patients, others believed that a reprimand would change conditions and that course was followed.—Punxsutawney Spirit.

Corn Growing Contest.

The Pennsylvania Livestock Breeders' Association announces prizes for its Corn-Growing Competition this year. Valuable cups and cash prizes are awarded to the farmers who produce the best yields. Yield counts 70 points, economy of production 20 points, sample of corn 5 points, and report 5 points. Blanks for report are furnished by the Association. No entrance or other fees. One acre must be planted and it may be a part of a field of corn. The men who win these prizes will have mighty good market for their crop, as farmers are all looking for the corn that yields the most. Last year's first prize went to Crawford county, in the northwestern part of the state. For full particulars apply to E. S. Bayer, Sec'y., East End, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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FOR RENT—Furnished rooms. Inquire of Mrs. Annie Winslow.

FOR SALE—Ten shares of First National Bank. Inquire of Jeff. G. Wingert, Punxsutawney, Pa.

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EGGS FOR HATCHING—Thoroughbred barred Plymouth Rocks. T. H. Stevenson, Route 2, Reynoldsville.

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Main Street. Reynoldsville, Pa.

Shrewd Agent Sells Hundreds of Dollars Worth of Currant Bushes to Beechwoods and Glendale Farmers While Under the Magic Spell of His Harangue.

FARMERS REFUSE TO RECEIVE THE GOODS

Recipe to grow rich: Quit farming and raise currants. For further information ask almost any farmer residing in the triangle between Emeraldville, Sandy Valley and the banks of Mill Creek, but ask not in the spirit of levity lest you meet with an exceedingly warm reception. For the people of Washington and Pine-creek townships cannot see the humor of the situation and lawyers, indignation meetings, trespass warnings and threats have become so indiscriminately mixed up in the affair that it has become serious enough.

It is a tale that would rival the wildest fables of Dumas—this of the staid farmers of the Beechwoods allowing a tall black bearded stranger to visit several hundred homes, paint a vivid word picture of the profits of currant culture, of the unlimited market for the product at canning factories, of the adaptability of the region for the business, and against their will and better judgment be convinced that an acre of currant bushes would yield a richer revenue than a farm of eighty acres. And there is something of magic in the tales now told of how, under the seductive arguments and over-mastering flattery of this stranger the farmers ordered a hundred, two hundred, even three hundred and seventy dollars' worth of currant stocks—enough to cover their whole farms frequently—and gave their notes for the amount. When the order and notes had been signed, the hypnotic spell was broken, common sense asserted itself and some of the victims straightway pleaded to cancel their contracts and have their notes returned, even following the nursery agent to the roadway. It is said, and offering ten or fifteen dollars to be released from the contract signed but a few minutes before. But the agent was inexorable and rode on to cast his spell another place and reap another harvest.

It cannot be said that the agent practiced fraud, but simply that he worked the shrewdest game played in this section for years and by sheer audacity and nerve and an astonishing line of argument, flattery, and skillful playing upon the hope of easy money, swept the unsuspecting farmers into the region of imagination where dollars grew on currant bushes and sold them almost any quantity his playful fancy happened to dictate.

When the agent had gone and the farmers got together to talk it over, their wrath arose at the way the game was played. They organized to fight. A fund was raised, a Reynoldsville attorney retained to counsel them, and a representative, W. H. Shuckers, sent to New York state to investigate the nursery supposed to be responsible for the agent. When his report came in the farmers were more enraged than ever and most of them resolved to refuse to receive the goods when delivered.

The past week has been an exciting one in the Beechwoods and Glendale districts. Passing through the traveler may see here and there at gates of farms notices warning against trespassing and other signs of open hostility somewhat alarming in that usually hospitable section. Usually alongside the gate—but always outside—rests a big oblong box from the nursery containing a few hundred dollars' worth of currant stocks that the farmers ordered under what they claim was a magnetic spell

cast by the gentleman in black. A few of the purchasers have decided to accept the situation gracefully and try the experiment of currant raising, but the majority, after investigating the agent's alleged assertions of the unlimited market for currants, "have their doubts" about the profits to such an extent that they have decided to fight the case to a finish and refuse to accept the delivered goods or allow it to rest on their property.

Murder at Onondago.

Sunday night about eight o'clock Joseph Balle, of Eleonora, murdered Jim Recott at house No. 124 at Onondago, a mining town near Big Run. Balle and several other Italians spent the afternoon at No. 124, home of Samuel Recott, brother of the man murdered, drinking and having a social time together, and without warning and with no apparent motive, Balle arose from the table they were sitting at, drew his revolver and began shooting across the table at Recott. The first shot went wide but the second struck Recott in the breast and he dropped to the floor. Lying across the table Balle fired four shots into the prostrate body, producing instant death. With the revolver still in his hand Balle backed out the door into the darkness and has not been apprehended yet, although a number of officers have been looking for him. The murderer is 23 years old.

Mitchell and Calhoun.

In this issue of THE STAR will be found two new announcements for Assembly, Hon. James G. Mitchell, of Hamilton, and William A. Calhoun, of Falls Creek, who seek the Republican nomination for Assembly. Both gentlemen have been endorsed by the Anti-Saloon League. Hon. James G. Mitchell is so well known to the people of Jefferson county that comment is unnecessary at this time. Mr. Calhoun is an honored citizen of Falls Creek, well qualified to represent the people of the county in the state legislature.

The B. M. A. Banquet.

Tickets for the banquet of the Business Men's Association may be secured from any member of the banquet committee or from the secretary of the Association. All members are urged to purchase at the earliest opportunity and thus lighten the work of the committee. Arrangements for the banquet proceed harmoniously and all indications point to a "gathering of the notables" around the festal board at the Imperial April 25th that will eclipse anything of the kind hitherto attempted in Reynoldsville. More complete announcement will be made next week.

Kills a Murderer.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF LICENSE.

In re application of Thomas Green for transfer of the Retail Liquor License heretofore granted to Thomas Green and John Conser, at "The Imperial" in the Borough of Reynoldsville, Jefferson county, Pennsylvania.

In the Court of Quarter Sessions of Jefferson county, Pa.

No. 1, April Sessions, 1910.

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, April 25, 1910, Thomas Green, of the Borough of Reynoldsville, County of Jefferson, Pennsylvania, will present to the above court his petition praying for a transfer to him of the Retail Liquor License heretofore granted by said court to Thomas Green and John Conser at No. 40, January Sessions, 1910, at "The Imperial," situated on the corner of Main and Fourth streets in the Borough of Reynoldsville, County of Jefferson and State of Pennsylvania. That said hotel is located on lot No. 16, in David Reynolds plan of lots in said borough, bounded on the north by William Alley, on the east by other land of Thomas Green, on the south by Main street and on the west by Fourth street.

E. IRVIN, Clerk of Court.

Exciting Runaway Thursday Afternoon

Arthur Seeley Makes a Thrilling Jump for Life and Lands Extremely Hard.

Last Thursday afternoon Arthur Seeley was driving down the steep grade from Seeley Terrace to Grant street when one of the holdback straps broke and the buggy ran onto Arthur's spirited nag and the horse dashed down the street at breakneck speed. When the horse turned corner at Sixth and Grant streets Arthur concluded he did not care to go any farther at that speed and jumped out of buggy. He jumped all right but striking terra firma was different. When he regained consciousness he was able to preambulate and started in pursuit of his horse and buggy. The horse was caught away out Fourth street, at Sharptown. The only damage to buggy was a broken dashboard. Arthur had a very narrow escape from serious injury. A hard bump against a shade tree is what put him to sleep for a few seconds. A little cuticle off one leg, a lame back and a deep cut in palm of right hand, that required several stitches, was the extent of Arthur's injuries.

Farm For Sale.

The Peter Baum farm situate along the Reynoldsville and Brookville Turnpike, in Pine Creek township, Jefferson county, Pa. The said farm contains 200 acres, of which 175 acres are cleared and in a good state of cultivation. The said has a large frame dwelling house, three barns and other necessary outbuildings erected thereon. A coal mine is opened and being worked on the premises and a large part of said farm is underlaid with coal.

Also—The coal rights in 41 acres of a four-foot seam of coal situate in Perry township, Jefferson county, Pennsylvania.

For further information apply to JOHN H. BAUM, D. W. DINGER, Executors. Clement W. Flynn, Attorney. Reynoldsville, Pa.

Forced to Leave Home.

Every year a large number of poor sufferers whose lungs are sore and racked with coughs are urged to go to another climate. But this is costly and not always sure. There's a better way. Let Dr. King's New Discovery cure you at home. "It cured me of lung trouble," writes W. R. Nelson, of Calomine, Ark., "when all else failed and I gained 47 pounds in weight. Its surely the king of all cough and lung cures." Thousands owe their lives and health to it. Its positively guaranteed for coughs, colds, lagrippe, asthma, croup—all throat and lung troubles. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free at H. L. McEntire's.

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